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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
Chesser, et al. ✓

Serial No.: 08/869,109 ✓

Filed: June 4, 1997 ✓

For: ✓ Controlled Hydration of Starch
in High Density Brine Dispersion

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Group Art Unit: 1721 ✓

Examiner: C. H. Kelly ✓

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RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION

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AMENDMENTS

In the Specification

Page 10, line 18, before the word "Note," please delete "[" and insert therefor -- (--.

Page 10, line 21, after the word "satisfactory." Please delete "]" and insert therefor --)--.

In the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Once amended) A method for producing a precursor polymer dispersion for addition to a brine for use in drilling and completion operations comprising:

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